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'56 Council' holds membership meeting

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Civilian Fitness Program approved

By Marilyn Michaels
15th Mission Support Squadron

Base civilian employees will be allowed to use up to three hours official duty time per week to voluntarily participate in physical fitness activities.

A memorandum recently signed by Col. Raymond Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, established a base-wide policy which applies to all full-time permanent, appropriated fund employees. It is being implemented on a one-year trial basis. The physical fitness activities that can be approved for the program include running, walking, jogging, and bicycling.

Other approved activities include use of treadmills and stationary bikes, weight training, lap and distance swimming and structured exercises such as sit-ups, push-ups, and aerobics.

The time used for the program must be used while the employee is on the installation. The three-hour maximum time limit per week may be used in blocks of up to 1.5 hours at a time. Unused time in one week cannot be carried over into a subsequent week.

The authorized official time includes all of the time away from the job in conjunction with the physical activity, such as time spent traveling to and from the gym.

Civilians can now get on the fitness band wagon along with their military counterparts, according to Bruce Scott, 15th AWCivilian Personnel officer.

"We're glad to be able to get this implemented with the start of the new year," Mr. Scott said. "Since the FitLinxx program is now available for civilians, it's easier than ever to track your progress and see results."

Employees who wish to participate in the program can start the process by filling out a request form and submitting it to their first-line supervisor, along with a statement from their doctor certifying the employee may participate in the specified fitness program, personnel officials said.

Second-level supervisors may approve participation contingent on mission impact.

Specific criteria for the program and the request form are attached to Colonel Torres's memorandum. A copy of the memorandum can be accessed on the Civilian Personnel Flight's Web site at www.hickam.af.mil/Mss/Limited/Cpf/CPFP.

For more information, contact the 15th CPF Employee-Management Relations Section at 449-0144.



Photo by Mark Bates

COMPACAF visits 25th ASOS

Senior Airman Josh Sherette, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron, briefs Gen. Bill Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander, on various pieces of tactical equipment, to include the radar beacon. The beacon helps ground forward air controllers identify positions to in-flight bomber aircraft. General Begert toured the 25th ASOS and visited with the squadron members, 50 of which are preparing for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information about General Begert's visit to the 25th ASOS, turn to page 11.



Core Values: *Not a cliché, but a way of life*

By Col. Brian Kistner

376th Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander

MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyz Republic (AFPN) - Most of us encounter situations in life we do not always agree with. Positive results can stem from how we respond to these situations. All of us in the Armed Forces have a sacred duty to adhere to the highest standards of military conduct. We have a wide range of choices; from turning a blind eye and doing nothing to confronting situations head on and ensuring we adhere to standards.

Whatever the case, rules and standards must be adhered to at all costs. They form the backbone for our acceptable way of life. Just about everywhere you look, there are rules and standards to be followed to effectively meet an end.

In the military, and the Air Force in particular, without standards we become just another segment of society versus the most trusted segment of society.

Without our high standards, we would, not be able to prosecute the nation's wars.

To help avoid confusion, the Air Force adopted

three core values that spell out what we are all about: integrity first, excellence in all we do and service before self. These values are not cliché; they are the basic common values that enable people in the U.S. Air Force to perform the mission.

Of these values, integrity must be first, for without integrity we have nothing. We must always strive to do the right things for the right reasons. We must all know we can trust the person to the right and to the left of us to be forthright and to watch our back in a fight.

Our countrymen have put a great deal of faith in us to take the moral high ground when defending our country. We are called on to fight and win the wars that guarantee our freedoms.

As an armed force, Americans require much from us and we must be prepared to deliver. We have to give our personal best and be cognizant of how we conduct ourselves.

Adherence requires an honest straightforward approach and the best effort we can put forward.

Doing the right things for the right reasons means simply, when presented with a tough decision, confronting the situation head on and doing

what is right even when it is uncomfortable.

When faced with misbehavior by a subordinate, for example, it might be easier to turn a blind eye and do nothing vs. administering the tough justice our profession requires.

This situation quickly becomes an integrity issue and one that has far reaching implications. When the chips are down, people will fail to do what is right if we do not hold them to this same standard in performing their daily duties. When we fail to do the right thing, the repercussions are far reaching because in the profession of arms we all potentially may be faced with life and death decisions.

If we allow complacency and inaction to erode the fabric of our military through the lack of adherence to standards and our core values, then we threaten the very existence of the institution we hold so dear and the rest of the Nation relies upon so heavily to fight and win wars.

Standards and core values aren't cliché. They are what set us apart from the rest of society and what make us the best most trusted air and space force in the world.

Humanitarian spirit

By Capt. Nicholas J. Sabula

U.S. Central Command Air Forces-Forward Public Affairs

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar (AFPN) - When I was notified about my Air Expeditionary Force Silver deployment in October, I knew I would be spending the holiday season, my birthday and promotion away from my wife and miss sharing these cherished times with her. What I didn't know then was that I would have an opportunity to do something fulfilling we can both look back on proudly for years to come.

Helping people is a great feeling, but helping a country in need is something I never expected to be involved with before taking part in a historic humanitarian operation in Iran Dec. 28-30. Not only did the operation mark the first time American military aircraft have landed there in more than a dozen years, it gave me the chance to be one of the first military members since then to interact with the Iranian people and see their reactions to Americans bringing relief to their country.

Imagine looking at a mid-sized city, slightly larger than Santa Fe, N.M., and suddenly seeing it resemble a desolate New Mexico desert a moment later. This gives you some idea of the devastation caused by a 6.6 Richter scale earthquake that flattened the Iranian city of Bam Dec. 26, with casualties in the tens of thousands.

Bringing in more than 300,000 pounds of humanitarian relief supplies, medical teams and equip-

ment on 11 aircraft certainly was an unknown, since we have had no diplomatic ties to Iran in such a long time. But, like so many other nations flying in relief, America's generosity was welcomed too.

Wearing a U.S. Air Force uniform in the middle of a country labeled as a sponsor of terrorism made me a little nervous when I arrived. But the more I interacted with the people of Iran, I realized our team, a symbol of America's resolve to help, wasn't lost upon our Iranian hosts. The message was clear: America was bringing hope to the Iranian people ravaged by this disaster.

Military members from other countries also greeted our American presence with good cheer as they brought in relief supplies on their aircraft.

"U.S. Air Force in Iran! I can't believe it," a woman shouted quite happily, getting up to talk with me. It is that woman I feel best represents the attitude of Iranians I encountered during my time there.

This humanitarian mission to help the Iranian people has proven to me the great responsibility we as Americans bear when there is a crisis in the world. But it is that responsibility which makes us Americans.

While the earthquake was a great tragedy, the effects of American aid being delivered on Air Force aircraft sends a great message about the will of our country to offer hope to people in need. Regardless of what happens in the future, it is this humanitarian message that I will remember about this journey, and I feel the Iranian people will too.

Action Lines

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name – it's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in



Col. Ray Torres
15th Airlift Wing commander

their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first crack at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you want me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

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AFA Meeting

Air Force Association Local Chapter 138 will hold a general membership meeting Monday at noon on the Officer's Club Lanai.

Gen. Bill Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander, will be the guest speaker. He will share important information on the issues facing the military in the Pacific today.

The buffet is available for \$10 and those going through the line need to ensure they will be seated by 11:45 a.m. for the start of the briefing.

To reserve a space, contact Virginia Pribyla at vpribyla@hawaii.rr.com or John Simpson at John.Simpson@hickam.af.mil.

January is National Volunteer Blood Donor month.

To commemorate the event, Team Hickam is sponsoring a blood drive Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Community Center.

Walk-ins are welcome, however, appointments are highly encouraged.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Master Sgt Susan Osborne at 449-1269 or e-mail at susan.osborne@hickam.af.mil.

Members potentially ineligible to donate blood:

- Donated within last two months
- Cold within past 72 hours
- Tattoos or body piercings within past 12 month
- Certain vaccinations within past four weeks
- Dental cleaning within past 24 hours or extractions within 72 hours

● Been stationed or lived in Western Europe for six months or have been stationed in England for three months or more from 1980 through 1996

Eligibility information is also available on-line at www.hickam.af.mil/ja/limitedblooddrive/default.htm.



Photo by Ryan Simpson

Exercise, Exercise, Exercise

(Left) Senior Airman Gerald Seide, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, controls the victim's airway as (middle) Senior Airman Anthony Reynolds, 15th CES, supports his head and (right) Airman Christopher Stuckey, 15th CES, provides chest compression to put the life back into Tech. Sgt. Thomas Hodson, 15th Airlift Wing, as he plays the role of an injured man during Team Hickam's Major Accident Response Exercise Wednesday.

AF committing 2,000 airmen to war

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON - Airmen vulnerable to deploy as part of the Silver Air and Space Expeditionary Force but not originally asked to go, could end up going after all.

In a message sent to the major commands in late December, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said continuing efforts in the war on terrorism have created a need for additional support in some areas. The Air Force, he said, would be providing some of the support to fill that need.

"Ongoing warfighter requirements compel the Air Force to continue surge operations in some functional areas ... to ensure national military objectives are met," General Jumper said. "The secretary of defense has tasked us to find innovative solutions to this national challenge. Major commands and wings are encouraged to dig deep into their resources and develop risk mitigation plans to make these forces available."

One of the possible solutions involves the use of "joint-sourcing" to fill needed positions. That means all the services will work together to meet the requirements. The effort will touch many across the Air Force, said Col. Michael Scott, chief of War Plans Organization.

"This of course affects the entire Air Force to a certain degree, but more so in the agile combat support arena," Colonel Scott said. "By that I mean our engineers, firefighters, air traffic control, security forces, medical, communica-

tions and transportation folks."

Nearly 2,000 airmen in those support areas will be called upon to help the Air Force meet the joint-sourcing challenge, the colonel said.

Most of the 2,000 airmen will come out of already scheduled AEFs and should already know they are in or approaching their deployment eligibility window, said Col. Buck Jones, deputy director for air and space expeditionary force matters.

"Once you get down to the individual level, they may not know they are going to fill one of these requirements, but they do know they are part of the AEF Silver and are still susceptible. They may also come from AEF 7/8 or AEF 9/10," Colonel Jones said.

Team Hickam members selected for any of the AEF rotations can rely on the Military Personnel Flight to make their deployment processing as smooth as possible, according to Chief Master Sgt. Dale Mills, MPF superintendent.

"We currently have members of Team Hickam deployed in support of Silver AEF, which includes members from the 5/6 bucket," Chief Mills said. "As we head towards our next 'bucket', AEF 9/10, the men and women of Hickam's MPF stand ready to assist those selected for that deployment."

Many troops could expect to be deployed for about 90 days, but some, in stressed fields, could expect a 179-day rotation, Colonel Jones said.

Despite the continued surge in operations, Colonel Jones said most of the Air Force could

expect a return to the AEF battle rhythm by March.

"We still will deploy AEF 7/8 very close to on schedule," Colonel Jones said. "The vast majority of the Air Force is returning to the AEF battle rhythm starting with AEF 7/8 in March."

The Air Force battle rhythm refers to the scheduled rotation of the 10 AEFs over the course of a 15-month cycle. The AEF schedule is projected out until 2010 and is designed to provide stability and predictability to airmen supporting Air Force commitments worldwide.

While there may be a predicted return to the AEF battle rhythm, Colonel Jones said things may never be the same as they were before operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

"Since the AEF was first established, world events have not stayed static," Colonel Jones said. "I'm not sure anybody envisions us returning to an old steady-state Operation Northern Watch/Operation Southern Watch type of situation around the world. The requirements are going to be fluid and dynamic."

Fortunately the Air Force has tool for handling unpredictable requirements -- the AEF, Colonel Jones said.

"Over the next few months, the Air Force will deliver on its promise to help meet the joint-sourcing requirements for operations in Southwest Asia," Colonel Jones said. "It is the AEF, doing what it is designed to do, that makes that possible. Once again, the AEF is demonstrating its inherent ability to flex and to adapt." (Information courtesy of Air Force News Service)

Team Hickam '56 Council' welcomes new officers

By Tech Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

With the start of the new year comes an influx of new officers for the Hickam 56 Council, a professional organization comprised of base E-5 and E-6s.

Each of the eight elected offices has been filled with new base personnel, all eager to inject new life into this high-visibility club, according to council officials.

The first official base-wide function is the monthly 56 Council meeting, held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club, according to Tech. Sgt. Tonya Reece, newly-elected club president.

"There are more than 800 people on base who are eligible to be members of the organization," Sergeant Reece said. "This is an excellent opportunity for those eligible to come see what the club is all about in a friendly, social environment."

It's a meeting chock full of events on the agenda, she said.

"Along with a 'meet-and-greet' with the new officers, there will also be a constitution review and (the announcement of) a contest to come up with a new motto for the organization," she said. "There will also be a high-ranking enlisted official from the 15th Security Forces Squadron present to give a safety briefing."

"The 56 Council is an energetic, out-front club that has put its stamp both on base and in the local community," said Master Sgt. Glenn Taijeron, 15th Airlift Wing career advisor, who is also the club advisor. "With the new officers on board to start the new year, Wednesday's meeting is an excellent opportunity for anyone who wants to get involved to be able to do so on a fresh page."

"I challenge all E-5s and E-6s to better last year's meeting attendance, and to become even more active and visible in the lives of our airmen, the Air Force's future leaders," Sergeant Taijeron said.

For more information about the club, visit their Web site at www.56council.com.



The 2004 executive council

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The Crime Line

The 15th Security Forces Squadron would like to keep the Hickam community abreast of security forces incidents on Hickam AFB. Here is a sample of sanitized excerpts from the security forces blotter.

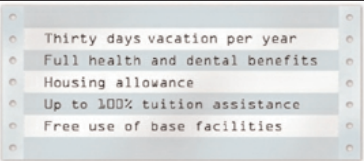
Traffic Stop/ Warrants/ Possession of Narcotics:

Location: O'Malley Boulevard near Kuntz Avenue over-pass

Subject: A civilian contract worker

Synopsis: A mobile patrolman radioed the Security Forces Control Center about a traffic stop he was making at the above location. The patrolman reported making the traffic stop on the subject for failing to stop at a posted stop sign and defective brake lights. The patrolman made contact with the operator of the vehicle and several other subjects who were riding in the rear of the vehicle. The patrolman reported the operator of the vehicle and subjects acting nervously;

only the operator of the vehicle had base credentials. The patrolman separated the subjects and awaited additional units to arrive and assist. The patrolman ran the vehicle's operators name through the National Crime and Information Center revealing active warrants out for the subject's arrest. The subject was quickly detained, handcuffed, and searched for officer safety. During the search of the subject, illegal narcotics and paraphernalia were found. The subject was placed in the rear of the patrol car. The other subjects were run through NCIC with negative hits. A search of the subject's vehicle revealed more contraband: narcotics, paraphernalia, a large meat cleaver and other drug-related items. All subjects were escorted to the SFCC for further investigation. After interviewing the subjects, the operator of the vehicle was charged with multiple state charges, his credentials seized, and issued barment papers preventing him from entering Hickam for an indefinite period of time. The subject was eventually released to Honolulu Police officials. The other subjects were presented with barment papers and escorted off the installation. The subject will appear before a U.S. Magistrate judge to answer the charges.



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University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma offers a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics and a Master of Public Administration. This non-thesis program can be completed in about 18 months. The one-week classes are very TDY friendly. Contact OU at 449-6364 or at hickam@ou.edu . For more information visit their website at *www.goou.ou.edu*.

Influenza Vaccine Open To All

Influenza vaccine, commonly referred to as the flu shot, is now available on a limited basis. The Hickam Immunization Clinic provides shots during all walk-in hours, Monday through Friday

mornings from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information contact Public Health at 449-1269 or the Immunization Clinic at 448-6274.

The Hickam Thrift Shop

The Hickam Thrift Shop is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday each week and the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sales. The Thrift Shop is open Monday and Wednesday and the second Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. for consignments. Due to space limitations, the Thrift Shop can no longer accept bicycles for consignment. The Thrift Shop is located in building 1711. Call 449-6603 for information.

Woman-2-Woman

Healing Hearts, Changing Lives, Winning Souls "No more leftovers," a women's seminar hosted by Minister Beverly McKnight will be held Jan. 24 at 4 p.m. at the Hickam Chapel Center. Members of the Hickam Gospel Service should bring a side dish, fruit, vegetable or dessert. For more information contact Madeline Neyland at 422-6200.

MLK Breakfast

The African-American Heritage Association is holding the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Commemoration breakfast, Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Hickam Officers’ Club Lanai. The guest speaker is Navy Capt. Nathaniel Milton, Naval Chaplain Corps., Tickets are \$9 for club members and \$11 for non-members. For more information contact Master Sgt. Quinton Perry at 449-3692.

Mini-Com Closure

The Mini-Com is closed Monday for all operations. The commissary will be open on that day. For more information call 449-7692

Keiki Identification

Navy Hale Keiki School and Pearl Harbor Masonic Lodge will be sponsoring keiki fingerprinting and color identification cards at the Pearlridge Mall Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A table is set up on the downtown side near Center Court both days. The finger-

printing will be done with a laser machine and copied to a piece of heavy cardstock along with the child's photo. There is a spot on the document to put the child's personal information on back. This is a free service and is part of the statewide child ID program being sponsored by the Masonic Lodges of Hawaii along with Navy Hale Keiki School.

National Prayer Breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast is Feb. 6 at 7 a.m. at the Hickam Officers’ Club Lanai. Tickets are \$3. They are available through first sergeants or chapel personnel at 449-1754. Speakers include Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Charles Baldwin, Deputy Chief of Chaplain Services.

Road Closure

Due to construction near the Waste Water Treatment Plant, a portion of Fort Kamehameha

Road will be closed to vehicular traffic through Feb. 16. Two-way traffic will be detoured from Vickers Avenue onto “A” Street, through the Logistics Readiness Division compound and back onto Fort Kamehameha Road. The speed limit along the detour is 15 mph. Pedestrian and bike traffic will remain routed around the construction sites. Questions regarding the detour may be directed to the 15th CES/CECC, 449-5384, Felito Saoit or 449-1560 Capt. Reid Matsuda.

MLK Commemoration Service

Hickam Gospel Service is sponsoring a commemoration service to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event is scheduled for Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Nelles Chapel. The service will include special music, dance, poetry and special guest speaker Bishop Paul Martin, Jurisdictional Bishop for the Church of God in Christ, Hawaii Pastors Prayer Center Church.



Airman 1st Class Glenn Wilderman, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron, briefs Gen. Bill Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander, on the new, state-of-the-art GRC-206 radio palette in the new HUMVEE. The equipment allows FACs to utilize several transmission frequencies and satellites to provide close air support and other aircraft to support ground troops. General Begert performed FAC duties during the Vietnam War.



Senior Airman Josh Scherette briefs Gen. Bill Begert on the new M-4 rifle. The new rifle is shorter and lighter than previous weaponry. It also includes a holographic sight, which improves weapon accuracy. Airman Scherette is wearing Point Blank body armor which utilizes ceramic plates to protect vital organs. In contrast Airman 1st Class Michael Belleau displays the outdated M-16 and Vietnam-era flack jacket that the 25th ASOS members previously wore.



Airman James Farnkopf briefs Gen. Bill Begert about the new HUMVEE.

COMPACAF visits with 25th ASOS

Photos by Mark Bates

Below: Gen. Bill Begert meets with the 2nd Brigade Tactical Air Control party members. The team is preparing to depart for ground combat in Iraq in direct support of the Army's 25th Infantry Division.



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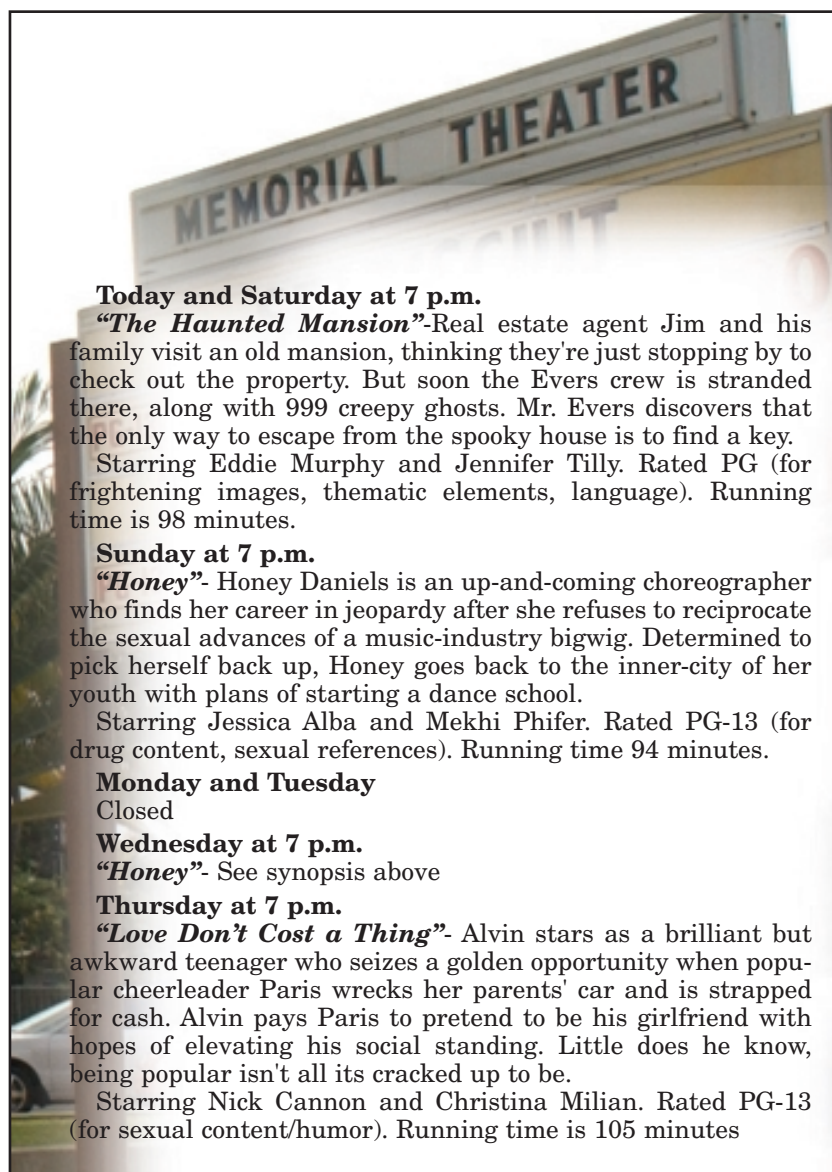
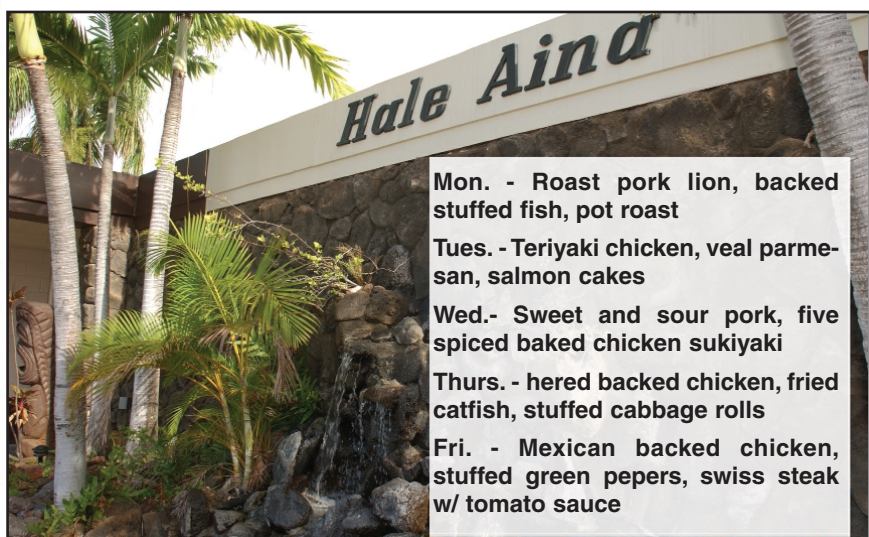
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**Refrigerator-worthy
events happening
on Hickam over the
next seven days**

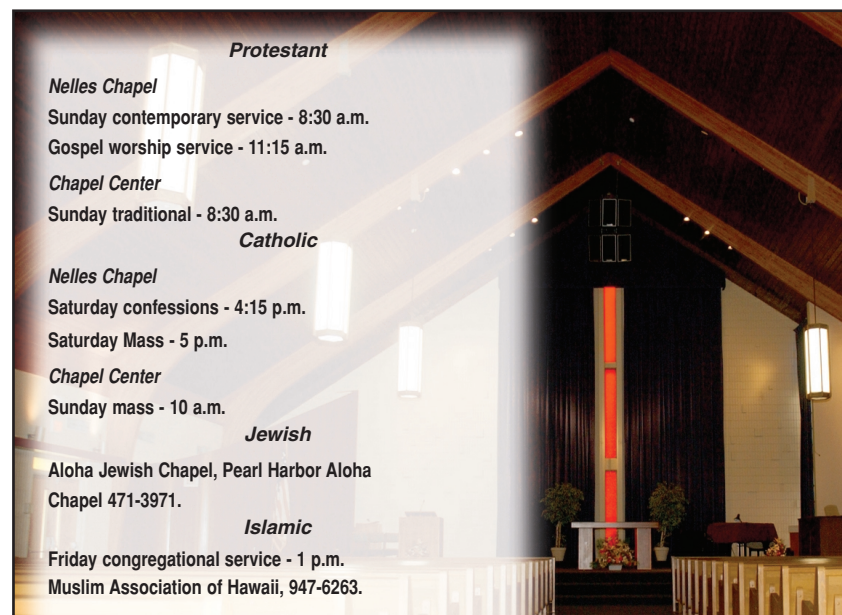
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Hickam Grind Time

- Weekly lunch menus at the Hale Aina dining facility, enlisted and officer clubs.



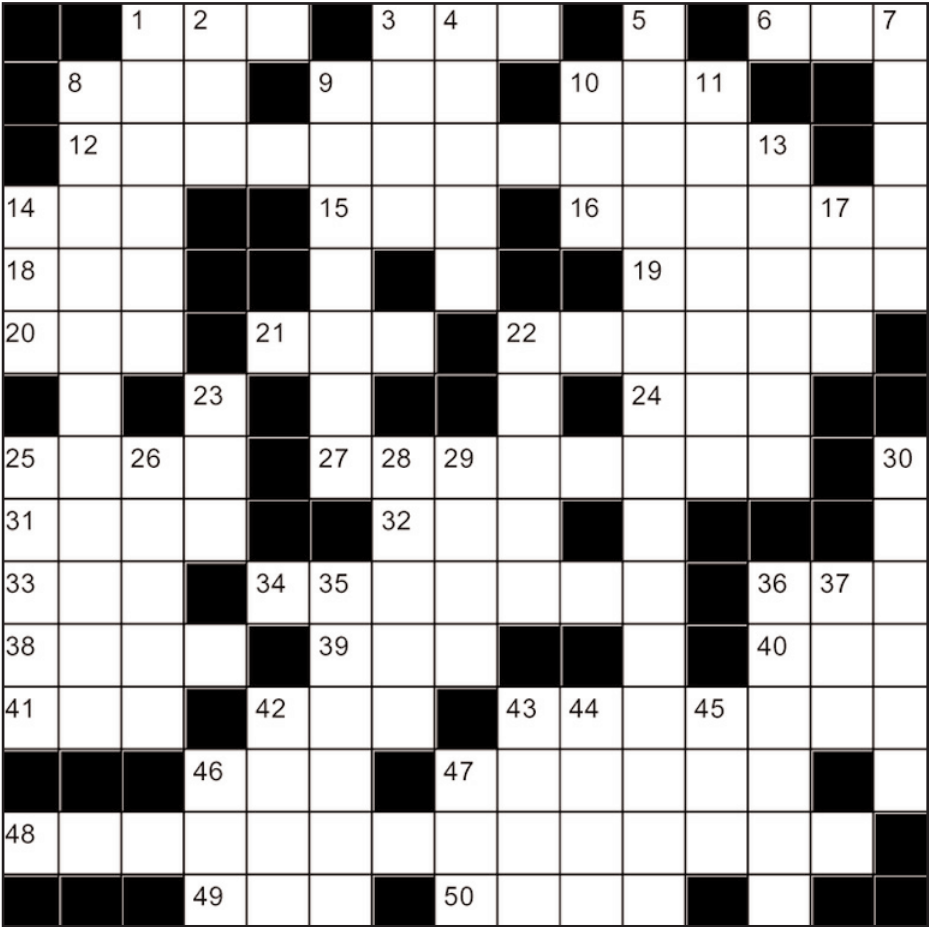
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Crossword puzzle: *Operations Name Game*

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

- ACROSS**
- 1. Accountant (abbreviation)
 - 3. Air Force cops (abbreviation)
 - 6. Canal
 - 8. Negative
 - 9. ____-doo; witchcraft
 - 10. Explosive
 - 12. Recent operation to remove Hussein regime
 - 14. Mon.
 - 15. Ticket
 - 16. Tribute
 - 18. 34th president informally
 - 19. Lies
 - 20. Military pay statement (abbrev.)
 - 21. Bullfight cry
 - 22. 1991 Operation Desert ____; Protect Saudi Arabia
 - 24. Compass direction
 - 25. Eras
 - 27. Outsider
 - 31. Greek god of love
 - 32. Dribble
 - 33. Fuel
 - 34. Operation Rolling ____, U.S. bombing campaign in Vietnam
 - 36. Acronym for finding lost boats, planes
 - 38. Egyptian nature goddess
 - 39. Abbreviation on a business sign
 - 40. Army bed



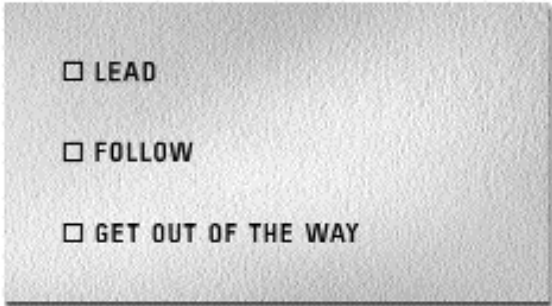
- 41. Military identification number (abbrev.)
- 42. Dine
- 43. Stage paintings
- 46. Mistake
- 47. Animal without feet

- 48. D-Day operational deception plan for Patton
 - 49. Acronym for a controlling naval ship
 - 50. Type of cheese
- DOWN**
- 1. Aztec conqueror
 - 2. School org.
 - 3. Treaty governing U.S. forces overseas
 - 4. Operation Joint ____; Bosnia peacekeeping
 - 5. Current operation for global war on terrorism
 - 7. Mess hall items
 - 8. 1973 Operation to support Israel during war with Arabs
 - 9. 1948 Operation to sustain Berlin during blockade
 - 10. Golf support
 - 11. Hydrocarbon used to make dyes
 - 13. Exotic car manufacturer
 - 14. Car necessity
 - 17. Diploma equiv.
 - 22. Endure
 - 23. Beginning of American naval ships
 - 25. Type of Navy cruiser
 - 26. Red dye
 - 28. Rely on
 - 29. Undersized
 - 30. Someone who dies for a cause
 - 35. Card game
 - 36. Smells
 - 37. Military commander's geographic control (abbreviation)
 - 42. Actress Julia's brother
 - 43. Raced
 - 44. 'La ____ Nostra'; mafia
 - 45. Arizona school (abbreviation)
 - 46. Continuing on (abbreviation)

Crossword puzzle: *Answers to Jan. 9 Hometown USAF Vol. 1*



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PACAF crushes 352nd 41-12

HQ crowned as king of football for 2003 season

Pacific Air Forces Command quarterback Brad Hebing scrambled from and pick apart the 352nd Information Operations Squadron defense in the base flag football championship game Jan. 6. Hebing finished the game with six touchdown passes.



By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Deployments, holidays and more than seven inches of rain might have delayed the game, but the hunger of competition was still present when two pigskin powers collided Jan. 6.

Pacific Air Forces Command topped the 352nd Information Operations Squadron 41-12 in the Hickam Air Force Base Intramural Flag Football Championship game which was originally scheduled for Dec. 2.

The headquarter's team had too much experience and desire for the information operations team to overcome. The dominance factor leaned toward the age and continuity of the team.

"We might be older but we feel a little

wiser," said Brad Hebing, coach and quarterback for the PACAF team. "We know our limits and stay within them."

According to Hebing, some teams have an inflated view of their skills and the PACAF team sees that and exploits it on the field.

That exploitation has lead to three consecutive base championships for the command team.

The 352nd squad sensed it would be an uphill battle.

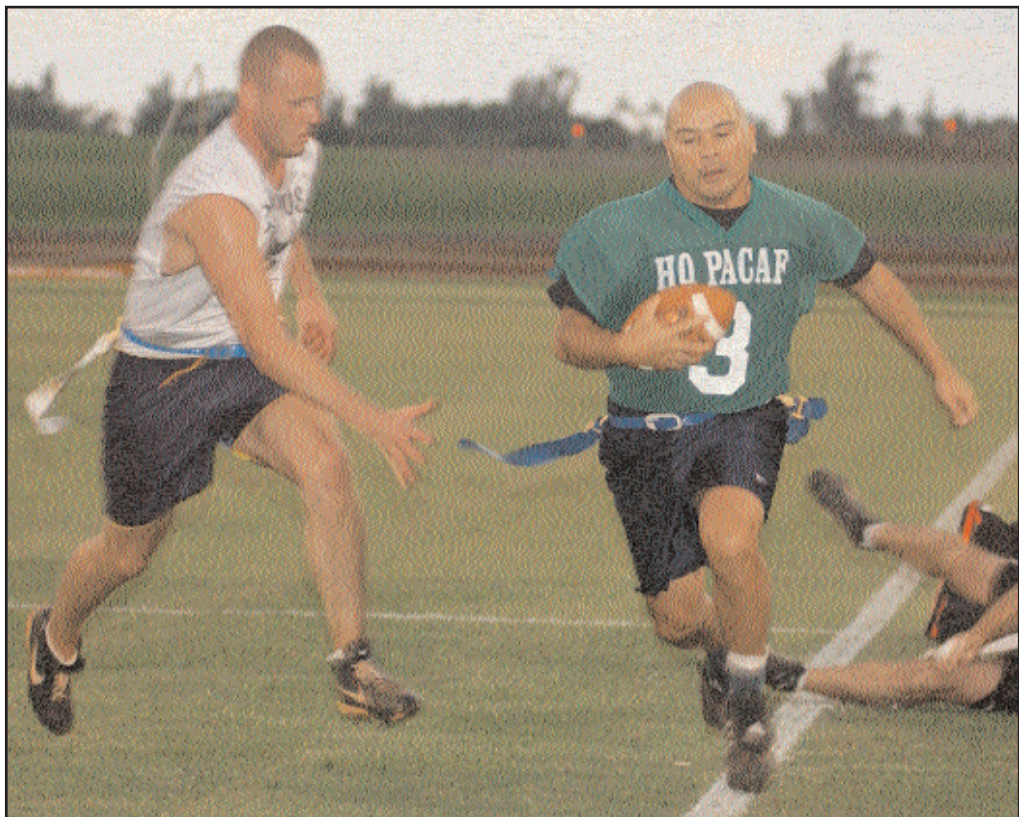
"We knew it would be a hard game," said 352nd Coach Bill Farrell. "But going into this game we said 'we will not give up.'"

Both teams look forward to next year. One will think about the what if's and the other about let's do it again.

The 352nd finished the season at 8-6 and the champion PACAF team finished 16-1.



Mike Bennes (19) runs around Phil Ritchie and Thomas Drake for a few yards. Bennes, caught four touchdown passes and had more than 120 yards or receiving in the huge win.



(Above) Juls Taraya picks up a first down while trying to evade James Akins, but steps out of bounds.



(Left) Nate Stephens, 352nd IOS, stretches to grab a pass among PACAF defenders. Stephens had four catches for 50 yards and scored on a 55-yard option play.

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